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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: re: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to express my dismay at what seems to be the Department of Justice's lack of seriousness with regard to the prosecution of and penalties to be applied to Microsoft Corporation for their blatant, repeated and un-repentant violations of our country's anti-trust laws.

As an American citizen, and an independant software developer, my business has been immesurably hurt by the preadtory and illegal practices of Microsoft. If our country is to succeed economically in the 21st century it will be through innovation in Information Technologies.

That economic success and those future innovations are dependant upon a vibrant economy of ideas and products where companies compete on a level playing field and where Microsoft cannot though the force of its market presence suffocate anyone who might threaten their market share or where innovations are stolen and livelihoods destroyed to line the pockets of unrestrained monopolists.

I hope the US Government will "do the right thing" and apply the harshest possible penalties to Microsoft. The future is depending on it.

respectfully,
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